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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 February 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 4, 6, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 35-40, 46-47, 51-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 6, 27, 30, 43, 46, 47, 55 and 56 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 28, 31, 35-40, 44 and 51-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 4, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 28, 31, 35-40, 44 and 51-54 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 4 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in lines 2 and 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 3, from which claim 4 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 7 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in lines 2 and 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 3, from which claim 7 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 16 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in lines 2 and 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 3, from which claim 16 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 18 recites the limitation 'the display means device' in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 3, from which claim 18 depends, recites 'display device'.

Claim 20 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in lines 1, 2 and 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 3, from which claim 20 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 21 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 3, from which claim 21 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 25 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in lines 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 3, from which claim 25 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 28 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in lines 2 and 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 27, from which claim 28 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 31 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in lines 2 and 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 27, from which claim 31 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 35 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in lines 3 and 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 27, from which claim 35 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 36 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in line. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 27, from which claim 36 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 37 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in lines 3 and 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 27, from which claim 37 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 38 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 27, from which claim 38 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 39, recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 27, from which claim 39 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 40 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 27, from which claim 40 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 44 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in lines 2 and 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 43, from which claim 44 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 51 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in lines 3 and 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 43, from which claim 51 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 52 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 43, from which claim 52 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 53 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in lines 3 and 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 43, from which claim 53 depends, recites 'camera'.

Claim 54 recites the limitation 'said predetermined camera' in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because claim 43, from which claim 54 depends, recites 'camera'.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 6, 27, 30, 43, 46, 47, 55 and 56 are allowed.

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